

Kansas Bureau of Investigation

November 15, 2004

Re: Officer involved shooting investigation, Goodland, Kansas

As previously announced, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation is conducting an investigation regarding an officer involved shooting that occurred on last Monday evening, November 8th. Goodland police officers were investigating an apparent knife assault on Rustin L. Leiker, DOB 9-28-83 of Goodland Kansas earlier that evening. The suspect, Michael Donald Whitaker, DOB 5-6-70, was located on a residential roof and during the efforts to apprehend Whitaker an officer shot Whitaker once in the arm. The knife believed to be used in the assault was recovered. Both Leiker and Whitaker were transported to a hospital in Denver. Medical conditions of both men is not being released by the state.

Charges have been filed in Sherman County district court by Sherman county attorney Bonnie Selby, charging Whitaker with one count each of attempted 2nd degree murder, aggravated battery and aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer. Extradition from Colorado is being pursued. The defendant is presumed innocent of all charges and at this time these charges are merely allegations. No additional information is available at this time.